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LOK SABHA

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OPENING OF NEW EPFO OFFICES
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a)the details of criteria taken into consideration for opening of new Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) offices in the country;

(b)whether the Government has any proposals to set up EPFO offices in various parts of the country including Sikkim; and

(c)if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL, MINES, LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a): Zonal Offices and Regional Offices of Employees Provident Fund Organzation are opened as per the administrative requirements with the approval of the Central Board of Trustees (CBT), Employees' Provide Fund (EPF). Norms for opening of Sub-Regional Offices (SROs) and Service Centres were devised by National Productivity Council and approved by the Executive Committee, CBT, EPF in its 29th meeting held on 4.12.1998. These norms for opening of SROs and Service Centres are for all over India except for the State of J&K as the Employees' Provident Fund & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 is not applicable in the State of J&K.

(b) & (c): Though the Government has received requests for opening of Employees Provident Fund Offices in various parts of the country, including Sikkim, however, as per the decision taken by the Executive Committee, Central Board of Trustees, Employees Provident Fund (EPF), in its meeting held on 10.1.2014, no new offices of the Employees Provident Fund Organisation will be opened till the e-governance model is finalized.